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## WE NEED SORROW

There is something in man which needs sorrow—a humbling and purifying work as regards his spiritual recreation, which can not go on without its ministry. How many deeds would never spring to life but for its loosening and detaching agency, breaking up the hard, stony soil of nature. And to the believer, what is affliction but God's hand upon his head to bless him—his Father's hand, recognized through that heavy pressure? Think how Christianity exalts, almost enthrones sorrow!

— Selected

## GOD WITH US

Suffering is a very solitary thing. Great suffering brings upon the heart a sense of intense loneliness, and it needs all that God Himself can be to the stricken one. It might seem almost impossible that anything more than the peace of God could be promised, but there is a fuller promise yet. "The God of Peace shall be with you." Here language is exhausted. The portion of every praying one is "the peace of God," and when even that is not enough, "the God of Peace," Himself Emmanuel, stands beside you.

— Selected



## The Editor's Message

**WE ARE** Happy to report an increase in the *Gem* family this month. We also wish to thank the people for their response to the call for good manuscript. The letters and reports are very interesting.

This season of the year is especially interesting to us because it is the beginning of the associational season which will continue until late in the fall. Be watching the *Gem* for reports of the major steps of progress that are being taken in our denomination.

The steps of progress that were made at our National Association are to be published from time to time as the various programs develop.

We have firmly believed for a few years that we, as a denomination, cannot build Educational Institutions; cannot send missionaries to foreign ports; cannot build the home work to any resisting strength or to advancing zeal; in fact we cannot do anything of any real and lasting value UNTIL we have a *system of communication*.

The *Gem* is "just what the doctor ordered." How would you know of Bro. Willey's activities and movements? How would you know who is helping to support him, and to what extent? How would you know of the plans to build a national Christian College, who is doing it, and how? We can know all these things and many others of equal value by reading the *Gem*. When we read and learn, instinctively, the fire and zeal of God begins to burn in our hearts—and we want to help! In union there is strength, and in co-operation there is victory for our denomination!

Of course, we are not working in competition with *The Free Will Baptist* in the east; we are co-laborers in one great cause, each endeavoring to do our part in the advancement of the work of Christ.

The *Gem* has a fair circulation, but I will be frank with you, it should be twice as large. Every Free Will Baptist home, at least in the west and especially in Missouri



### INTRODUCING

To the *Gem* Readers:

Here is the picture of the man who built our new *Gem* Office. He is Mr. Dick Harris of Purdy, Missouri. Mr. Harris is a fine workman and we are all proud of the nice building he erected for us. He built our office in a reasonable length of time because he worked at his trade. The price his contract specified was also very reasonable, and he seemed to be greatly interested in our welfare.

Mr. Harris is about the same age of your editor, and we are friends, having known each other since boyhood days when we used to play together over all the hills of Barry County, Missouri.

When we were little rough boys playing as only boys can play—Fox and Hound, Corn-cob Fight, Indian, Rough and Tumble—we did not dream that the one would build a fine brick building in which the other would publish a paper.

We are happy to present Mr. Harris to our *Gem* Readers as a man who is interested in seeing our work make progress.

—John B. Rollins

should have the *Gem* to read for inspiration, enlightenment, enjoyment, encouragement, and instruction. All can surely afford it at 50 cents a year. Subscribe, then ask others to subscribe. Your printing institution needs you.

We are expecting an increase in the mailing list during this fall. We usually always grow in the fall of the year, but we are trusting that our growth this fall will be so overwhelming in comparison to former growth that the *Gem* will become a blessing to a great number of hearts and a greater blessing to those of us who already take the *Gem*. So may the Lord prosper, not for any selfish motive or vain-glory of men, but for the glory and praise of God.

Besides the reports of activities and progress, and the letters of encouragement, we have a section of Biblical Topics for those to read who are seeking instruction from the Bible for their spiritual welfare. Maybe it isn't everyone who is interested in the reports of progress in church activities but who are interested in the sermons. Though the letters and reports are fine, yet the sermons are necessary to make a well balanced paper. Our circle of sermon writers is expanding to include many others for which we are thankful. The editor alone cannot make the paper, he must have help and co-operation. Who would want to read a John Rollins' paper? I am sure I had rather read the *Gem* as it is—being composed by the brethren all over the country.

I would like to make this suggestion: If there is a subject especially interesting to you and you want to learn more of it, please write it to me and I will see if some of our ministers will write it for you. So may the Lord continue to bless in His own wonderful way.

Your *Gem* Office is well qualified to print the minutes of your various associations and our prices are very reasonable—let us figure on them.

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# Natural Consequences of Violation

By John B. Rollins, Monett, Missouri

THE TEN Commandments of the Old Testament are the divine precepts for moral government. They were given approximately 1500 years before Christ, and they have never been repealed—in fact every civilized government has copied and based their civil laws upon the basic precepts of the Commandments. Every person is duty bound to observe the principle of these commandments if he is to be morally pure. These precepts do not mention or infer salvation, for the New Covenant of Grace is "not of works lest any man should boast," but is a free gift from God. Even so, the keeping of the ten commandments will not bring salvation to the soul, yet they are still in effect and are highly obligatory upon the lives of men for a standard of moral purity! God has established laws whose benefits we shall enjoy if we conform to them; and which cannot be violated without paying the penalty in punishments, sufferings and loss. Much of the sufferings, disease, and premature deaths come in consequences of the conduct of the sufferer, which is the natural consequence of their mistakes, sins, and violation of God's moral laws.

I have observed that some men prosper, financially, even when they are living very wicked lives. I have often wondered about this, but now it is clear to my mind. They are careful to observe certain "laws" which go to make up a sane and safe use of finance. When these laws are violated in the capacity of unwise and careless spending, the very best of men, even Christian men, will suffer embarrassment or even bankruptcy. If these laws are observed, even the most un-Godly men may enjoy their blessings, but it is only the reward of life and gives no assurance of Eternal Life.

The same is true of the ten commandments—observe them and enjoy the reward of living; violate them and suffer the consequences.

The observance of the commandments is important because of the resultant blessings; the violation of them is serious because of the drastic penalty which must necessarily follow. For instance:

"For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of

the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of THEM THAT HATE ME; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that LOVE ME and keep my commandments" Exo. 20: 5-6.

Is this statement a fact? Does God do this? Can it be proved? Here are records of two families of men which have found their way into print and I pass them on to you as hard facts. Figures don't lie—but liars figure.

Max Jukes was born in New York state in 1720. Of his 903 descendants that have been traced, 300 died prematurely; 200 were thieves and were criminally inclined, of whom 3 paid the death penalty and more than 100 were imprisoned on an average of 13 years each; 145 were drunkards; 90 were prostitutes; 91 illegitimately



born; and 480 were sufferers of venereal diseases. The various members of the Jukes family cost the state of New York more than a million dollars.

In contrast to this terrible record, let us look at the record of Jonathan Edwards to illustrate the Gospel side of heredity. He was born in 1703. Of the 1394 of his descendants whose records were studied, 13 were presidents of leading colleges and universities, 65 were professors in colleges and universities, 60 were doctors, 100 were ministers, 60 were prominent authors, 100 were lawyers, and 30 were judges. A number were senators, congressmen, mayors of cities, and ministers to foreign countries. As far as we can learn, only one of this famous family ever left a blot upon the family record, and that was Aaron

Burr who fought a duel and killed a fellow citizen.

The Edwards family is in existence today. They are generally upright and honorable. The Jukes family went out of existence in the "third and fourth generation." God has ordained that no FIFTH generation be born of these degenerates, and that is an expression of His infinite mercy and love for the unborn millions who would be blighted with degeneracy and suffering. With such a law in existence, and with God having reduced the longevity of man from several hundred years to three score and ten, and by us doing our very best—yet we are rapidly approaching a day of violence such as prevailed before the flood when "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" Gen. 6:5. See also Matt. 24: 37-40 with references.

Max Jukes was an idle, shiftless hunter, a hard drinker and licentious, who married into a family of five sisters, several of whom were illegitimate and three of whom were known to be unchaste—hence a terrible record of crime and villainy until they went out of existence in the third and fourth generations. Jonathan Edwards and his wife were both well born, and were converted in childhood—Dr. Edwards was converted at the age of seven. They were both refined and well educated, insisting upon the strictest family discipline in the rearing of their own children, and they became a striking illustration of the fulfillment of the last sentence of the second commandment, "And shewing mercy unto thousands of them (that is, generations) that love me, and keep my commandments." Therefore their generations are still in evidence and will go on until the end of time.

It is only a natural consequence—"Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off" Romans 11:22.

The love of Christ was so destined That He shed His blood for all mankind And by His power and Saving Grace Every child of God shall see His face.

—Ida Conway, Bartlesville, Okla.



# God's "Creation" and "Formation" of Man

*By Kenneth Turner, Granby, Missouri*

We must study man as a two fold being. The "spiritual" and the "natural." One, God created, and the other He formed. Genesis 1:27 records his creation of the spiritual Man, both male and female. "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created He them." In this verse we can see something of the greatness of God, as He is able to create a spirit for mankind suitable for both male and female. Now some one will refer to the Scripture of Galatians 3:28 to say that there is neither male or female. Paul is speaking of the possibility of all, both Jew and Greek, bond or free, and both male and female coming to the Lord, believing and being baptized, and putting on Christ. With God there is no line drawn as for nationality, race or sex. He looks upon all with the same degree of love. He desires one to be saved just as He does the other. With God there is no respect as for race or sex. So the spirit that He created is for both male and female.

Genesis 2:7 records the formation of the natural man; made from the dust of the ground. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Included in this verse is recorded the placing together of the created man and the formed man.

We know there is a difference in creation and formation. To create, something is made from nothing. To form, something is made from a substance that already exists. We know the ground was in existence for some time before the formation of man. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

Someone has said the two Scriptures which we refer to are only two accounts of the same work of God, but let us see. One is spoken of as a creation and the other a formation; and the breathing of one into the other. The body is only a house for the Spirit to live in. Open your Bible to 1 Corinthians 3:16, and you will read, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Or in other words, the likeness of God, which is the spiritual man, dwelleth in you. In 1 Corinthians 6:19 we read, "Know

ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?"

We should keep the temple clean and pure, for it is the formation and work of God, into which He has breathed His likeness. So many people fail to realize the truth about these sayings of our Lord. They go on in their careless ways of living, indulging in the filthy things of the world. With unclean habits, they defile the temple that contains the spirit.



God has trusted His handiwork into our care; and in our caring for it rightly, He receives glory and we receive blessings. On the other hand, if we fail to do our part, God is grieved and we suffer. "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (1 Cor. 3:17). We ought to be glad we have the power of choice, then choose to do right. If we will care for the temple and keep it pure, and undefiled, it will be a fit place in which the spirit may dwell, but to neglect the temple, we drift into unclean habits and our

bodies are abused, bringing about weakness and a wrecked temple. If we come to the grave in bad repair, we have it all to regret.

God expects us to care for the spirit which is in the temple. Our poor spirits become very hungry and weak sometimes. We never fail to feed our bodies. When our appetite is aroused, we think of the dinner table. Three times a day we are listening, and we never fail to hear the call from the kitchen, "Come and eat." People are going to manage to feed their natural bodies. If they fail, they become hungry, weak and even sick. People have been starved to death when they failed to get food.

Why people cannot see the same need of feeding their spiritual being, I can't understand. It becomes hungry but we go on unheeding its need. The call is given, "Come and dine," but we refuse to take our spirits to the Lord's table. And oh, there is such a need for it to feast upon the things the Father has set out for us. And here we are holding a hungry spirit away from the table. Our souls are hungry and weak, even sick. If we are not careful, we will starve them to death. And of course, the death of the soul leads to the land in the "lake that burns with fire and brimstone." (Rev. 20). There the soul will be separated from God forever.

Feed your soul by reading God's Word and by praying to Him. Go to the services with His people and worship. Live a real devoted life for God and you will grow in His work and be strong and able to carry great loads of responsibility.

Now, let's not starve the created man, nor defile the formed man, for they are both God's. (1 Cor. 6:20).

## Things Shortly to Come to Pass

*By Gweneth Talley, Aurora, Missouri*

Jesus said, "I have not called you servants, but friends." Our friends share our secrets. The Lord, Himself, reveals His secrets unto His people, and at times sends His angels to tell of coming events. "This same Jesus," said the angels, "shall so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." He shall come in clouds -- and with a cloud of ten thousands of His saints.

There is a cloud of hope and there is a cloud of despair. We see now

the black cloud all over the world. The children of Israel saw the cloud over them when they were journeying toward the Red Sea; the Egyptians also saw it, but it was the dark side that they saw.

The children of God do not have to look on the dark cloud. It is black enough now, but it will get blacker. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is going to happen. God said that things would be so bad that the days will be shortened, otherwise all



flesh shall perish. We have not the theories of learned men to go by in this conclusion, but the solid Word of God. Did the flood come according to Noah's preaching? Was Babylon overthrown? Was Jerusalem ever destroyed? If these prophecies were fulfilled according to the Word of God, future predictions will be as literally fulfilled.

"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth for the devil is come down." You see in the word destruction, woe and misery are foretold. As sure as God's word is true so surely will these things have to come on the world. It will be as universal as the deluge. Everybody who receives not the mark of the beast is to suffer, and those who do receive the mark will receive woe upon woe. So we see that the whole world is included in the period of tribulation.

Men are saying, "what is next?" That is in the political world. You

can see already what hatred in men's hearts has already done, but it has been tempered in a measure by the word of God, and real Christianity. Remove these two restraining powers and you have hatred unadulterated. The serpent coming down to the earth with no mercy, no sympathy, but with intense hatred, and above all else against man! Why against man? because man was made in God's image. Satan maimed that image and he will seek to completely destroy it. But something from the wreckage will be saved. The millennium must follow. Day must follow night.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear," must be literally brought about. Perplexity today but worse tomorrow! But there is a blessed word of encouragement to the child of God. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." Thank God for the plan of redemption!

can tell they are not of them. They know that they have consecrated their life to Jesus through the new birth. These signs shall follow them that believe.

We read again in Mark 16:18, "They shall take up serpents;" When Paul was shipwrecked on the island among the barbarians, they were kind to him and kindled a fire because it was rainy and cold. When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out of the heap and fastened on his hand. They thought Paul was a man running from the law, but when Paul shook the snake off in the fire and they saw no harm had befallen him, they changed their mind. Paul was carrying the fruits of the Spirit and these signs were following.

There is no other name only Jesus Christ that can heal. Peter and John were going up to the temple one day to pray. They found a man sitting and calling for alms. When Peter and John saw him they said, "Look on us." Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." If this man that was calling for alms had not looked on Peter and John, he would not have been healed, but he obeyed the voice of Peter. It was not Peter that healed him, nor John, but it was through Peter and John in the name of Jesus. These signs shall follow them that believe.

We have some folks that are silly enough to tempt God along this line. Some have taken poison, and they sure died. Some have been bitten by the rattle snake and they also died. It will not do to tempt God. "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If we sow to the Spirit, we shall reap life everlasting. On the other hand, if we sow to the flesh, we shall also reap death. The real genuine man or woman that has the old time, sky blue, rock bottom salvation and stands on the holy commandments knows that there is no other name under heaven that can do those miracles with signs following them. It must be done in the name of Jesus. We must live as Jesus has said in His holy Word, so when Jesus shall appear, we shall appear with Him in glory. The time will soon come when we will have to answer to our name when God calls for us. My prayer to God for the churches is that they will be saved. Pray for me, for I need the prayers of those I love.

## Signs Following

*Rev. W. C. Cadle, Charleston, W. Va.*

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

It is with pleasure this day that I enjoy another God given opportunity to write a few words to the Gem, and I hope the few words I have to say will find place in your good little paper.

Jesus said in Mark 16:17, "And these signs shall follow them that believe;" We stop for a thought, the people that have been begotten by the Word and are born again, as Jesus said, are carrying the fruits of the Spirit. The people of God that have given all for God and for the Cause of Christ including their bodies as living sacrifices and have been accepted of Him, may ask what they may and it shall be done unto them. Jesus has said in the same verse, "In my name shall ye cast out devils;" This is one of the signs that follow them that believe.

He also said they shall speak with new tongues. Jesus said to His disciples on one occasion, "It is expedient for you that I go away, if I go not away, the Comforter will not come." The disciples were to wait for the promise of the Father, which was the Holy Ghost. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utter-

ance." They were Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. They spoke on the day of Pentecost in new tongues, even in their own language wherein they were born. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost—when the Holy Ghost comes into the hearts of all men and women, they are sure to speak with new tongues because they are made New Creatures, the Old Man being crucified, and are made to walk in newness of life. These signs shall follow those that believe.

We read about a group of people conversing with Christ one day; they asked Him to give them a sign. He called them a wicked generation. He told them there would be no sign given them except the sign of the prophet Jonas. We have plenty of Pharisees and Sadducees out here in West Virginia that would like to be justified in their own self righteousness, going about trying to set up a way of their own. Jesus told those hypocrites, "Ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Jesus is not here on the earth any longer in person to be tempted as He once was, but the man that holds out the real Christ, the Gospel plan of salvation to the world is tried on every hand, as Christ was tempted. The Christian man and woman is carrying signs that the world



## The Feast

By A. H. Camp, Dry Fork, Arkansas

Text: Luke 14:16-23

**C**HRISt Tells us of the man who made a great feast and invited many to it, but those first invited were too busy with other things to go to this feast. Yes God made a great feast and invited the Jews, first of all, to come and partake of the good things of heaven. They had known that He was preparing this great feast, and knew that they would be the favored friends invited, but it was only a servant who came to tell them. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Some seemed to think he was just a "drunk" talking out of his head," and they just humored him and refused to let such an ignorant fisherman get them at all excited. They seemed to think when the feast was ready the Master, Himself, would come and tell them, for they felt that they were quite important persons. Besides, they had other things to do without listening to a lot of "sanctimonious fools" and their big stories of a Son of God who had been on earth in human flesh and was killed and in three days came to life again! Now, anybody with a half grain of sense would know that story wasn't true! And so it goes on even today among all nations, tongues and kindreds of the earth. Sinner friend, there has been a servant or two come and told you that the feast was ready, but you have not come, for reasons that only you can call reasons at all, and others call them excuses.

Now let's see what happened to the Jews and to you when you refused to come. This man that Christ speaks of told his servant to go out quickly, into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. When the Jews refused to come, God sent his servants to the Gentiles who were poor, because they were without God and without hope; maimed, because of their dissatisfaction with these idols and false gods but knew not where to turn; blind because they had not the Light, Jesus Christ.

The servants went to the Gentiles, and "preached unto them Jesus," and they left their idols and false gods and came to the Light by the thousands

till today there are millions feasting on the good things of heaven. They are no longer poor, for they have eternal life; they are no longer maimed for they worship the true and living God; no longer halt, for the love of God satisfies that longing in their hearts for truth and knowledge and understanding love; no longer are they blind for they have the Light to show them the way and it is even in their hearts. But the Jews who refused to come to the feast are left in outer darkness, just as we were and as you will be if you refuse to accept this invitation while life is yours, for "in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." The servants are still calling you, but if you keep on refusing, the time will come when God will let you believe a lie and be damned.

After all those came who had been invited, first and last, still there was room for more, and the man sent his servants into the highways and hedges with orders to *compell* them to come in. Does God ever *compell* anyone to come to Him? Yes, He really does. How does He *compell* them? Through fear of what will happen to them if they do not come. Paul was one of those who was *compelled* to come.

I dearly love to hear Christ preached in the pulpit, and the love of God, the beauties of heaven, righteousness, and "love thy neighbor as thyself." I do hate to ever hear hell and damnation preached, but it has to be done, for the Master said to *compell* them to come in.

Some must be led down to the very brink of hell and look over into it and made to realize that they who are lost are lost forever; must feel the ground tremble and see it crumble beneath their very feet before they will cry, "Oh God! Save me!" But when they do cry out to the Lord, they are saved just as truly as those who came at the first invitation. If you are saved, you are saved, and if you are lost, you are lost, for there is no half-way ground. If you are "almost saved," the doors of hell are open and waiting for you. "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

And that isn't all: how would you feel if you were certain that your own mother and father were in hell today to suffer on and on with no hope of relief in the countless ages to come? Can you imagine them holding out their arms to you and asking you to come to be with them? No, like the rich man in hell, asking Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brothers so they would not come to the same place where he was. Those who are in hell are hoping you will accept Christ while you may. What will be the feeling of your children if you die without hope of salvation? Remember what Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Isaiah 55:6-7 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

## A Sure Foundation

Eld. Thomas Clay, B.535, Holden, W. Va

TEXT: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11

Every house that is built, is built on some kind of a foundation. The House of the Lord is built on the Sure Foundation, on top of the mountain, above the swampy valley of sin. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psa. 122:1. Let us see how God laid the foundation. He led the first twelve stones out of Egypt which was laid in the center of the

river, and took twelve stones out of the river and set them up on the bank of the river for a sign, making the foundation standing both in and out of the water. Remember, Brothers and Sisters, when Christ came, who is the Head of the Corner, He didn't stop on the bank of the river, but went down on the first twelve stones that were laid in the center of Jordan. You will remember how it pleased God for He opened up heaven and sent the Spirit in the bodily shape of a dove, and it abode upon Him. Can



you see a picture in this of the Church built upon Christ?

Solomon referred to the Church as a dove in Song of Solomon 5:2 when he said "My love, my dove, my undefiled."

Ephesians 2:20 says, "And are builded upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

1 Peter 2:5 says, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Let us be lively and work in the churches.

A lively church grows like a tree planted by the river, and it will not be moved by Satan. Remember the

Devil has houses too all along the way such as card parlors, skating rinks, beer gardens and liquor stores; but lively Stones, such as Christ-like people, do not stop there. They go to church and shout and testify how God has saved them from sin, and God annoints us with His Spirit until our cups run over. Praise the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:19 says, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure." Let us get on it and stay there, for God says, "To him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of God."

Brothers and Sisters, we may not get to meet face to face in this world, but thanks be to the Lord, we can talk to one another through the *Gem*.

## Happiness and Heaven

*By J. M. Doughty, Strafford, Mo.*

Years ago I did an astronomer a favor and he invited me to come to the observatory, he being an instructor, and he would give me a view of the celestial heavens. I fully intended to accept the invitation but it was something that could be put off to a future time, and I neglected to visit the observatory until the astronomer moved away, and the observatory was torn down. It is one of the regrets of my life that I missed this opportunity of seeing the beauty of the celestial heavens.

So with many people, they miss the opportunity of happiness that they might have had by accepting Christ and enjoying a life of Christian service.

When I was a boy I enjoyed the friendship of a good old Christian doctor. On one occasion he told me that the greatest mistake of his life was not becoming a Christian until he was 51 years old.

There is a great difference in the amount of joy that individual Christians get out of their lives.

In the Lord's prayer we are taught

to pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." If Christians are fair with God they will help Him answer the prayer that they have offered. They will try to get some of the Kingdom of Heaven into their hearts. In the 17th chapter of Luke we find that Jesus said, "Behold the kingdom of God is within you."

On several occasions Jesus remarked, "I come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." We find that many were happy even in persecution. Throughout Paul's letters we find the spirit of happiness and rejoicing emphasized.

One extremely warm day I visited a Christian Association for girls. The secretary was no doubt a sincere Christian and a good executive, but her countenance gave one the impression that she never smiled.

On the same warm afternoon I visited a Christian Association for boys and men. In the early afternoon the secretary excused his assistants for the hottest hours of the day, and he assumed the duties of the office. During the next two hours this secretary had a pleasant greeting and a smile for all that appeared at the office.

He said that he enjoyed the work and indications were that he had much of the kingdom of heaven within his soul, and that he was doing what he could to bring a bit of heaven to those with whom he came in contact.

To bring happiness to others is the best way to find happiness for ourselves

## Yes, Lord

*By Lloyd N. Weese, Van Buren, Ark.*

Text: "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10b

We often say that prayer is the sincere desire of the heart.

Allright if prayer is the sincere desire of the heart: just what is that anyway?

Do we speak, act and do the sincere desire of our hearts? Of course we do, unless we are leading double lives. James 1:8 "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (Let us be careful about the dual life). Write this in your little "red book;" smoke it in your pipe in case you take that kind of (non) nourishment.

Matt. 6:21. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also!"

Luke 6:45-46. "For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." And

"why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Yes there are times when we speak act and do the sincere desire of the heart but James 1:6 says, "He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven of the wind and tossed."

Let us get down to the point, we look with contempt at the minor officials, whom we like to refer to as "Yes men." Now this is man's way, yet that is what got the official where he is today, be he good or evil: just simply knowing how to blindly say "yes."

God doesn't ask us to blindly say, "yes:" he has given us the greatest Guidance, Light, and Inspiration possible in the persons of Christ (our Savior and Example) and the Holy

spirit (our Indwelling Counselor) and when we say "yes" to Him, we simply clasp the hand that is able to Lead, to Save, and to Comfort, and walk with Him "beside the still waters" like David of old! And all of us know or should know, that walking beside the still waters is a symbol of Peace.

The world has been yelping for years, "Peace, Peace," yet we know there is no peace as far as the world is concerned.

Isaiah 26:1-21 is good, so good! But read with me verse 3. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is STAYED on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

"YES, LORD."

"Its every man's business to know his business, and if he doesn't know his business, he hasn't any business to be in business."



## Free Will Baptist Historical Department

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### Printing Establishments

The Free Will Baptist, was an outgrowth of the book concern. In 1825 the *Morning Star* was issued at Limerick, Me., by Hobbs, Woodman, and Co., with Rev's J. Buzzell and S. Burbank as editors. In 1830 Wm. Burr wrote an article in the *Star* calling attention to the importance of a denominational book establishment. Subsequently he employed Samuel Beede to write a series of articles, published in the *Star*, attracted the attention of several ministers and brethren, among whom was Rev. David Marks. As a result at the General Conference held in Wilton, Me., in October, 1831, a *Book Concern* was established, of which David Marks was chosen agent, and Henry Hobbs, Samuel Beede and Wm. Burr were chosen publishing and advisory committee. The agent became personally responsible for all contracts in the publication and sale of books, and during the first year published 2,500 copies of the minutes of the last Conference, 7,000 copies of the *Christian Melody*, 5,000 copies of the *Register*, 1,000 copies of Caverno's *Address on Temperance*, and 2,000 copies of the *Character of Christ*, by J. G. Pike, at a total expense of \$4,000. At the next Conference all were pleased with the success of David Marks as book agent, and he continued to be re-appointed till 1835, when he resigned. He had received in the four years less than \$900 in all for his personal services, and had assumed risks of \$14,000.

In 1832 the proprietors consented to sell the *Morning Star* to the denomination, and the General Conference at Meredith, N. H., "agreed that the book agent and the publishing committee be advised to purchase the establishment of the *Morning Star* on the terms the proprietors had proposed," and added in case the purchase be made, "to them shall belong the whole management of the establishment for the ensuing year." Accordingly, David Marks, the book agent, and Henry Hobbs, Samuel Beede, Wm. Burr, Hosea Quinby, Silas Curtis and Daniel P. Cilly, the publishing committee, assumed the entire responsibility of paying \$3,700 for the property. No change was made in the editorial or financial management of the *Star*,

but the paper received a new impetus from the transfer, and during the year the subscription list increased from 1600 to 2700. In 1833 on the resignation of Samuel Burbank, Samuel Beede, who had been in the employ of the Book Concern, became his successor. The General Conference in Strafford, Vt., recommended that the *Star* be removed to Dover, N. H., and the change was soon effected. In March following Beede died, and Wm. Burr became the acting editor as well as office agent.

On the resignation of Marks in 1835 the *Star* and Book Concern were united. Wm. Burr was still financial agent and residence editor. Eleven men were appointed as trustees to take charge of the property. They were Wm. Burr, Silas Curtis, Daniel P. Cilly, Jacob Davis, Enoch Place, Joseph M. Harper, Samuel Burbank, Freeman Carey, Elias Hutchins, Seth C. Parker and Charles Morse. The property was valued at \$10,246.60, but there was a debt of \$6,222.48 with no money on hand to meet it. The trustees sought to raise a loan of \$5,000 by giving their personal bonds. They sought to place 100 shares of \$50. each. After three years but about half the sum was raised. Then came the financial crash and the other half of the loan could not be had. Cruel pressure was brought against the *Star* on account of its outspoken position concerning slavery. The Legislature refused to grant a charter. But the denomination generally, and the Lord especially, sustained and endorsed the management, so that in 1843 the trustees of the establishment united with the Washington Street church in buying a lot and erecting a building, which was completed in 1844 at a cost to the Book Concern of \$2,000. The lower story for its use, and the second story for the church. The net valuation of its property was \$14,000.00. Then commenced those large appropriations of \$1,500 annually to benevolent purposes, as well as some larger and many smaller donations. In 1846 the charter was granted by the New Hampshire Legislature and the name was changed to the "Free Will Baptist Establishment." The board of corporators was the same, with the addition of two members.

The establishment now entered upon

an era of great prosperity. At the General Conference held at Mainville Ohio, in October, 1856, it was reported that \$21,006.71 had been appropriated to benevolent objects in the denomination, and the assets were then estimated at \$43,129.77. In 1867 the property of the church in the building and lot was purchased by the establishment. The building was remodeled and fitted for a publishing house with two stores and a hall to rent. The total expenses of repairs and equipment was \$26,994.13. The building was occupied till the removal to Boston, and then sold for \$16,500.00.

In November, 1866, Wm. Burr was suddenly removed by death. About the same time *The Christian Freeman*, devoted to the interest of our denomination in the West, began to be issued in Chicago. In 1868 its managers applied to the General Conference for an appropriation from the funds for publications to assist this western paper, claiming that some of its constituency had assisted in the earnings of the Establishment. \$12,000. was apportioned and \$10,000.00 more were to be appropriated to the brethren in New York, on condition that they should establish a Free Will Baptist paper, with certain conditions to be filled. The appropriation to the Western paper was promptly paid. The Conference relinquished further control of the Printing Establishment. For the future the board of corporators should direct the use of the surplus for the benefit of the denomination. In order to avoid having three papers, efforts were made to move the *Star* office to New York City. Through mistakes or misunderstandings, the efforts did not succeed. But in January, 1870, a financial and editorial office was opened in New York, occupied by G. H. Ball, D. D. The intention was to make it "a permanent arrangement and a practical success"; but not proving satisfactory, at the suggestion of the New York brethren it was discontinued at the end of one year. The patronage of the *Christian Freeman* had not met the expense of publication. In the fall of 1870 its managers proposed to the trustees having the project of a paper in New York in charge, to unite the two interest, and issue the paper in New York, with an office in Chicago. The plan was to



enlist all liberal Baptists in the movement, and the name agreed upon was *The Baptist Union*. But the General Conference did not consider that the conditions imposed on the division of the funds of the Printing Establishment were fully met, so the \$10,000 was never paid; but in 1887 a satisfactory arrangement was made by which the subscription list of *The Baptist Union* was transferred to the Printing Establishment, and the New York brethren were represented, and the Board of Corporators. In 1874 a western *Star* office was opened in Chicago, but failing of success, it was abandoned.

In 1870 the Printing Establishment united with D. Lothrop and Co., of Boston, in publishing Sunday-school books. More than forty volumes of a high order were issued under the supervision of a committee, of which Rev. G. T. Day, D. D., was a member. This arrangement was not financially

profitable, and was discontinued, though the vote to establish a Boston office was not abandoned. At the annual meeting of the establishment in 1883 the subject came up anew, and after much deliberation a plan was adopted which has furnished the establishment with convenient office and rooms for printing facilities in Boston, and aided the Boston church in securing a commodious house of worship. In 1885 the removal was completed, and the Printing Establishment was occupying its new building, with additional facilities, at 457 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Mass. Although the establishment has appropriated more than \$80,000 in money, or its equivalent, for the benevolent work of the denomination, yet in January, 1887, it still had a capital of over \$75,000.00.

Editors note: At the present time, we have *The Free Will Baptist Press* at Ayden, North Carolina, and *The Free Will Baptist Gem* at Monett, Mo.

## The Battle of Armageddon

By Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Armageddon is a word stated but once in the Bible. The event at Armageddon is alluded to in many places; but the word is stated only once which is to be found in Revelation 16:16, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." This statement is made just after the record of John's vision of three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. These spirits, we are told, are the spirits of devils working miracles, and we are told that their purpose is to gather the kings of the earth and of the whole world together to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. As this part of the Book of Revelation, together with all the chapters from 4 to 19 inclusive, is to be fulfilled during the last period of the age, or the Tribulation period. Therefore, I say these unclean spirits which are the spirits of devils are three "isms" of this day: namely, Communism, Fascism and Modernism. Certainly these three spirits, in the political and religious world, are gathering the rulers of the earth together in fury for some great purpose. The terminal of it all will result in the Armageddon battle on the plain of Esdrameon where the

nations of the world will have concentrated their armies; there warring over the wealth of the Dead Sea, which is valued at several times more than that of the entire world, we are told. The plain of Esdrameon has been the battle ground of the ages past. We are told in Rev. 14:20 that at this time blood will run to the horse bridles by the space of a thousand six hundred furlongs; or upwards of 200 miles. But the very event of Armageddon itself is to be a conflict be-

and he had a name written which no man knew but himself. And he was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God. And the armies of heaven followed him upon white horses clothed in fine linen white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. I saw the beast, (antichrist) and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse (Christ), and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh." Rev. 19:11-21 (this beast and false prophet are the same as the two beasts of Rev. 13th chapter.)

Notice how 2 Thess. 2:8 corresponds with this: "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." Preceding this Paul was telling the Thessalonians that the day (of His coming) would not come except there be a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition, (the Antichrist).

The sword that proceeds out of His mouth is not to be understood as a carnal weapon of course; but simply means his word of authority and power. The foregoing Scriptures refer directly to the terrible Armageddon which of course is the last battle of this age. Not the last battle however; but the last battle of this age. The



tween the Christ, followed by the armies of heaven and the Antichrist followed by the armies of earth.

"And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were of fire, and on his head were many crowns;



battle of Gog and Magog is to be fought at the close of the kingdom age; but the battle of Armageddon is the last battle of this age.

This age is to close with the return of Christ in glory, when He shall put down all rule and authority and power.

The battle of David and Goliath is a true type of this last battle. Goliath and the Philistines represent the antichrist and his armies, and David and Israel represents Christ and His armies. Just as David won by the power of God so Christ will win by Divine power.

Certainly the stage is rapidly being set for this last great end time drama. If ever the nations of earth were in a turmoil, it is now. And what is causing it? These three unclean

"isms" that are at work the world over today. How heartless and cruel rulers are getting. This spirit of one man rule will help so much in ushering in and introducing to the world their great superman or world dictator, the Antichrist. But thank God the Christ will come and put an end to it all. We that have faith in Him are positively on the winning side. So may our hearts not fail us for fear and for looking after the things that are coming on the earth, as is true with many today; but may we be sober and look up for our redemption draweth nigh.

Many other scriptures might be sighted on this wonderful subject; but I must not take up too much space. So I will just leave the subject as thus briefly dealt with.

high to affect a friction between some limbs of the wild walnut, locust, or hackberry trees that were at a neighborly distance one with another. It caused me to think of this little poem:

"God is at the organ,  
I can hear  
His echoing music  
Far and near.  
God is at the organ,  
And His keys  
Are storm-strewn moorlands,  
Forests, trees."—John Drinkwater

Directly I would hear the little hidden crickets busily chirping. Often have I attempted to make an approach to see one of them at the time of the of their music which manifested their presence. As always before, they ceased to chirp until I had vanished out of their sight. And thus it seemed that I was told to be satisfied with their continuation of chirping. My tympanic membranes picked up a different sound of another instrument of God's creation. It was the effective call of the turtledove. With darkness beginning to show its signs, this innocent-like song of the turtledove was most intrinsic. Surely God wanted it to be so. By the time the cows were housing themselves for the night in the corral, all the milking being done, there was still another creature that sent out its song into the cool night-air. What was it? It was the shrill shriek of the night owl. Yes, the music of nature as God has placed it here will ever be a reminder of those early days of childhood.

Well, here we are—in the very depth of a great subject. I feel that I must not demand more space from the editor. Is it asking too much if I may continue this subject in the next issue or issues? If it results in enough edification, I shall gladly look forward toward expressing the rest of my thoughts concerning the wonderful text of Colossians 3:16. In conclusion then of this article, I want to add a further influence which directed me to this voluminous subject. I was already acquainted with our dearly beloved Brother I. L. Stanley. What an asset it is to our denomination to have such an efficient musician like him. It seems that every time I meet him, I am compelled to appreciate him more. At the National Association, I was privileged to meet two more well established and matured musicians, namely, Dr. Harris and Mrs. Barnes. Having an appreciation for good music as I do, I could not refrain from choosing such a text out of God's dear Word.

## MUSIC

Rev J. K. Warkentin, 2001 Prairie Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Brother Rollins:

Inasmuch as you extended such a cordial invitation to me, when we first met at Bryan, Texas, to send you an article to be published in the *Gem*, I am wishing to take advantage of such a privilege granted. My message follows:

Text: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16

How inspiring the above mentioned Scripture proves to be! Its numerous rivers flowing out with streams of blessings refresh our regenerated souls in a manifold manner. The very word 'numerous' according to Webster's interpretation refers to a musical attitude beside the fact that it means a 'great number'. We shall endeavor to record a few of these dynamic outflows that are of untold value. It may be we will not cover but one.

Paul was inspired to write to the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . ." He connects the word of Christ in this passage with the inclination of music. Then we have our eyes of spiritual enlightenment opened to the fact that our beloved Redeemer was musically inclined. Oh, what beautiful revelation! Already in the first chapter we read, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,

whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him; and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Col. 1:16-17. Christ's divine bosom was filled with MUSIC from all eternity. All of His powers bring it to light. Wonderful! Wonderful!

Let us take an invoice of observation upon the creative forces in the universe, for by Him were all things created. In Job 38:7 we read these realistic words, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" God asked Job this question out of the whirlwind to let Job feel his own insignificance as man before the unsearchable, omnipotent God. Yet God had recognized Job as being a perfect man in His gracious sight. But the inequality between God and Job was too great. God, the Creator of all things, was and is so matchless that even the stars upon their being created shone into the omniscient vision of God with such a splendor that it spake forth the essence of music in song. As a result all of the sons of God shouted for joy. What a gigantic outlet proceeding out of the Word of Christ!

When I was a mere lad we lived on an Oklahoma farm. Our pasture was marked with a deep, winding creek filled with trees and brush. Before twilight appeared it was our duty to round up the cows for milking. Perhaps the wind would be sufficiently



## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT



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## The Regions Beyond



Mrs. T. H. Willey,  
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## Latest Foreign Mission News

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Yes, we have good news concerning the fine work that is being done, and what we hope to do in the great cause of foreign missions. The progress that the Free Will Baptist people have made in this great field of service for the last nine years, together with the plans that have been laid to extend the work in the immediate future, can be no less than some of the best news that might come to our people. No longer can we, or our critics say that the Free Will Baptist Church does not sponsor foreign mission work. Not that there was ever a time when our people did not believe in this great work, but in the South in particular we have been rather careless until a few years ago. Today, however, interest in foreign missions is fine and is growing rapidly. In evidence of the interest our people have in giving the Gospel to the whole world let us note the following facts and figures:

Within the last four years three missionaries have been sent to the foreign fields and another is ready to go now and is hoping to sail for Venezuela in August. Besides those who have either already gone to the fields or are ready to go, others are hoping to go as soon as they are prepared to go.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who is making tireless efforts to establish a Free Will Baptist mission in India, is asking for a helper or helpers as quickly as we can supply them. Also, she reminds us of the fact that more workers and more work mean more funds with which to carry on the work. Miss Barnard would like to come home for a season after another year, but unless a helper is supplied to carry on the work while she is away, it will greatly suffer in her absence. So let

us all earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into the harvest.

On the other hand, Brother and Sister Willey are calling for helpers down in Nicaragua. As many of you know, the Willeys were forced to leave Panama the first of July because of an intolerant government. When they left Panama, Bro. Willey took the little boy and went to Nicaragua, but Sister Willey took the little girl and came to the States. Those who attended the recent session of the National Association in Bryan, Texas, were doubtless convicted, convinced, and inspired by the message Sister Willey gave on Thursday evening of the meeting. And though they had to leave their work in Panama, we were happy to learn that they left thousands of tracts and New Testaments in hundreds of native Indian homes of that needy country. Moreover, they hope to be able to return to Panama after a year, when the present governmental administration will be changed. In the meantime, they are going to work among the native Indians in Nicaragua who are probably more numerous and equally as greatly in need of the Gospel as those in Panama. Therefore, let us hope and believe that God is giving us two fields instead of one, both Panama and Nicaragua.

Miss Bessie Yeley of Sciotoville, Ohio was approved by the Board and accepted as our missionary to Venezuela last November, but primarily because of her health, she has been detained and has not yet gone to the field. In the meantime, however, she has been dismissed by the physician, secured her passport and is ready to go soon.

Regarding our missionaries and their work, the Board made the following

recommendations to the Association during its recent session in Bryan:

First, we recommend the approval of the change of the field of labor of Brother and Sister Willey, namely, from Panama to Nicaragua. We further recommend that Brother and Sisters Willey's salary and allowance for mission work in Nicaragua be continued in the amount of \$150.00 per month. Moreover, that we supply them with needed helpers as early as possible.

Second, we recommend that we continue Miss Barnard's salary at \$50.00 per month. Also, we recommend the approval of Miss Barnard's efforts to establish a Free Will Baptist mission in India, and that we supply her with funds and helpers with which to extend the work as rapidly as possible.

Third, we recommend that Miss Bessie Yeley be given \$250.00, \$200.00 of which is for her transportation to Venezuela, and \$50.00 of which as her salary for the first month on the field. She, too, is to receive \$50.00 per month as a salary, and she is to sail as early as possible.

Concerning finances the Treasurer reported a total of \$1730.97 received from November 1, 1938 to July 1, 1939, in which contributors from ten different states had part. Also, a balance of \$619.24 was reported on July 1, 1939. But it was the suggestion of the Board that a balance of not less than \$300.00 should be reserved in the treasury at all times in order that emergencies may be met without delay. Therefore our people are urged to respond to our financial needs to the extent that our missionaries may not go lacking and that your Board may not be embarrassed.

Finally, we recommend the following mission budget, which extends from July 1, 1939 to July 1, 1940. The budget is not made on the basis of numbers in the different states, but rather on the basis of what has been



done for foreign missions in the past. We sincerely urge each state to make its apportionment the minimum for this great work, and unless we realize this financial goal our mission work cannot go forward as it should:

North Carolina .....	\$1200.00
Missouri .....	600.00
Tennessee .....	600.00
Texas .....	400.00
Ohio .....	300.00
Oklahoma .....	250.00
Georgia .....	150.00
Virginia .....	100.00
South Carolina .....	100.00
Alabama .....	100.00
Kentucky .....	50.00
Mississippi .....	50.00
Florida .....	50.00

Finally, the National Treasurer is urging the supporters of this work to

make their offerings regularly so that the various state treasurers can make their reports to the National Treasurer at least monthly. This will eliminate extreme fluxion in the National treasury and will enable us to meet the financial needs of our missionaries promptly. Remember that our missionaries expect and need their allowances monthly and we don't want to disappoint them. Therefore, please send in your funds to the national treasurer at least monthly. Please don't wait for him to write you and ask for the funds you have on hand from time to time.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16).

very hopeful for this new field. We are very sorry, of course, that they had to leave Panama but those are matters we know they cannot help, so thank the Lord for opening another door.

Sister Barnard is crying for money and missionaries in India. The Lord is blessing and opening the way for her there. I hope a lot of our young people will feel the direct call from the Lord, and will adhere to the same.

Sister Yeley is soon to sail for Venezuela. Sister Yeley is from Ohio, and the Free Will Baptist of that district seem to be behind her to the man. I think there is no question but what our missionaries are worthy and capable so let us do our best. We hope the receipts will come in rapidly. Our national secretary spoke very commendable of Missouri for the way we have been doing so let's just strive to do even better. Our Foreign Mission program is one of our most vital ones, and for all the support we give it, God will bless us in a wonderful way, both collectively and individually. I have always said there are three things for which God will bless people in a very special way. First, for being good to the Jew, second, for tithing, and third, for sending the gospel to those who have never heard. We will expect to hear from you.

— Winford Davis, Secretary

## Missouri's Foreign Mission Budget for One Year

Rev. Winford Davis, State Secretary Foreign Missions, Monett, Missouri

I wish you all could have been there and heard sister Willey's message on Thursday night during the National Association at Bryan Texas. I wish you all could have sat in the side room with us while the Foreign Mission Board was in session and heard sister Willey's message to us personally; heard of the difficulties which they encounter; heard of the crying needs in the open fields of opportunity. If you all could have heard this, it would be no trouble to get ample finance to carry on our missionary work the coming year; but we're prone to give as we are moved about the matter. May the Lord get hold of every heart personally and move us to real action. A \$4,000.00 budget was worked out and accepted for the coming year. \$600.00 is designated as Missouri's part. That is a small amount as compared to our 7,000 members. We could raise much more than that, and I trust we will. We are asked to raise not less than that. In fact we have done that well during the eight months according to the proportion of time, therefore I see no reason why we should not continue to do as well or even better. I am pleading with all who read this to strengthen your giving just as much as possible, and you who have not taken up the habit as yet, will you please join this band of givers who are making it possible for the Free Will Baptist to have a place in several foreign lands.

Brother and sister Willey having had to leave Panama on account of a Catholic dominated government, but opening up a new field in Nicaragua where a door of splendid opportunity has opened for them, and where the government is very tolerant. We are

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If you or your church, your League, or your Sunday school is a regular giver, and the name is not listed on this roll, please send it in—Editor.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Union 3rd Fork Church .....	\$1.63
Happy Circle Class, Hazel Creek Union S. S. ....	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Brown, Purdy, ..	4.00
Oak Grove S.S., Neosho, Mo. ..	.40
Mine La Motte S. S. ....	1.00
Oak Grove of Mo. State Ass'n. Norwood, Mo. ....	3.00
Flat River Church .....	8.00
Dr. J. H. Cole, Morrilton, Ark. ....	1.00
Hazel Creek Union Church ....	5.32
Collection on bus enroute from Texas .....	1.50
Mt. Olive (Neola) Mission ....	1.00
True Blue Class, Neola S. S. ....	1.00
Eld. H. H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ..	2.50
Monett Church .....	4.30

— Winford Davis, Mo. State Treas.

Systematic, proportionate, consistent giving from our tithe is God's financial plan for the missionary fund.

Send your spirit on a missionary prayer visit.



## Our Bus Trip to the National Association

*By Herbert Henderson, Monett, Mo.*

Being elected by the bus crowd to write about our bus trip to Bryan Texas, I shall endeavor to tell you about our wonderful and enjoyable trip.

We left Neosho, Mo. on Monday the 10th of July about 9:00 a. m. We drove through Oklahoma and arrived in Sherman, Texas about 7 o'clock. After getting permission from the chief of police we camped in the city's beautiful park. Nearly all of the passengers had cots so we slept out under the open sky. Some got their night's rest disturbed by getting their cots turned bottom side up, with the occupant lying beneath; but that was just a part of the trip. The next morning we ate our breakfast in a restaurant in Sherman.

Our next stop was in Dallas where we saw many tall buildings, and some bought souvenirs of the city.

We arrived in Bryan, Texas, Tuesday evening about 4 o'clock. We were then assigned to our places to stay. We had a wonderful association. But as I am not reporting the association I will confine my remarks to the trip only.

We left Bryan about 10 o'clock Friday morning. We drove to Houston where we visited the Mel Morris Bible Cyclorama. This was one of the grandest experiences of our entire trip. Our tour manager, Eld. Kenneth Turner, had already made arrangements ahead so therefore Mrs. Morris was expecting us. She certainly proved herself altogether competent in explaining the marvelous Bible pictures portrayed on the large dome ceiling. The painting is a continuous canvas 28 feet in width and 200 feet in length covering an unbroken area of 5,600 square feet, not including the dome. It took four artists two years to paint the art work at a cost of nearly \$11,200.00. The entire Cyclorama building represents an investment of \$60,000.00.

We then drove on to Galveston, Texas, arriving there about 5 o'clock. Of course the first thing was to take a plunge in the Gulf of Mexico, which proved to be a very enjoyable experience. That night we slept on the beach close to the roaring waves and breakers. This gives a thrill that cannot be found anywhere else.

On Saturday morning we started on our way toward home, travelling along the Gulf coast to Port Arthur, Texas; a distance of nearly 100 miles. The bus rode across the Galveston Bay on a large ferry; a distance of 3 miles. We were all on deck seeing what we could, and there was plenty of sights to see. One of the sights we saw was a large shark jump up out of the water. When we arrived at Port Arthur we saw several large ships.

That night we slept near De Ridder, Louisiana. The next morning we drove on to Shreveport for breakfast, where we also shaved and cleaned up.

When Sunday school time came Sunday morning, the bus crowd became serious minded, and elected John B. Rollins to teach the Sunday school lesson. After singing and prayer, we had a very enjoyable discussion of the lesson. Our Sunday school collection amounted to \$1.50 which was put into the Foreign Missionary Fund.

When Sunday school was over, Bro. Rollins announced that all who did not want to stay for church could pass out quietly. However no one left for which we were very thankful because we were traveling down the

road about 50 miles per hour all the time we were having services.

Short sermons were delivered by Rev. G. W. Sturdevant of Buffalo, Mo. and Rev. Mrs. Mary Welbaum of Kansas City and Rev. Miss Melba White of Plattsburg, Mo. All preached interesting sermons.

We slept that night in Fort Smith, Arkansas in a large lawn. We came home the next day, riding over the Boston Mountains, arriving in Neosho about one o'clock Monday afternoon.

We traveled a distance of 1477 miles, and had good fortune all the way, with no mishap. We ate part of our meals in restaurants, and sometimes we ate picnic style as we had an elected committee and bus fund to buy our eats. We also had a can of ice water along, so we had a cold drink anytime we wanted one. We all enjoyed talking to some little negro boys and girls we saw at places where we were stopped.

Our bus drivers, Mr. Bert Thompson and his son, James, were very efficient drivers. We enjoyed their courtesy very much.

We appreciate the work of Rev. Kenneth Turner in getting up and managing this trip. We also want to thank the people of Bryan for their courtesy. We all enjoyed the trip and Association very much, for we were working in the service of the Lord.

## Report of the National Association

*By O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri.*

The National Association convened with the Free Will Baptist church at Bryan, Texas, July 11, 1939, and continued until noon July 14th.

The Association was wonderful throughout. Nine states were represented, some traveling more than 1700 miles to be at the meeting. Each service was greatly enjoyed.

Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., delivered the Introductory message on Tuesday evening. Eld. J. R. Bennett of North Carolina brought the message at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday. Eld. Winford Davis of Missouri Wednesday evening. Eld. J. W. Addington of Virginia at 11:00 a. m. Thursday. Sister T. H. Willey from Panama, Thursday evening. Eld. W. J. Shepard of Ohio Friday at 11:00 a. m.

The services Thursday night was acknowledged to be the crowning service. Sister Willie brought a soul

stirring message from Rev. 5:9. She also told about some of their recent experience in Panama. An altar call was given at the close of the message and nine prayed through to victory in Christ and 31 came forward to consecrate for service where ever God may lead them. An offering of \$126.00 was received at the service for foreign missions.

Another outstanding feature of the association was the interest in a denominational school. An offering was received for the school on Thursday. \$265.00 in cash was received and something near \$2,000.00 in pledges. One man pledged \$100.00 a year for ten years if God let him live.

God has been richly blessing us as a denomination and we feel greater things are in store for us in the future if we will stay humble and let God lead.



## Faith Without Works is Dead

Miss Nellie Tate, 404 E. Fontanero Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food.

And one of you say unto them: Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:14-17)

These verses of scripture bring to my mind the following reading:

### A Prayer for Potatoes

An old lady sat in an old arm chair,  
With wrinkled visage, dishevelled hair  
and hunger worn features.

For days and for weeks as she sat there  
Her only fare had been potatoes.

But now they were gone, of bad or of  
good

Not one remained for the old lady's  
food.

So she said, "What shall I do?  
Where shall I go for more potatoes?"

Then she thought of the deacon over  
the way;

The deacon so ready to preach and to  
pray,

Whose cellar was full of potatoes.  
So she said, "I'll send for the deacon  
to come,

For he won't mind to give me some  
Of such a store of potatoes."

But the deacon's religion didn't lie that  
way,

He was more accustomed to preach  
and to pray

Than to give of his hoarded potatoes.  
So not hearing, of course, what the  
widow had said,

He rose to pray with uncovered head.  
And when he prayed, "Lord give her  
peace,"

She audibly prayed, "Give potatoes."  
And at the end of each prayer that he  
prayed,

He heard, or thought he heard  
The same request for potatoes.

The deacon was troubled, he knew not  
for what;

It was very embarrassing to have her  
act so about potatoes.

So closing his prayer he started for  
home;

When he reached the front door he  
heard a deep groan,

"Oh give to the hungry, potatoes."

And that prayer followed him all the  
way home;

In the midst of the night it haunted  
his room,

"Oh give to the hungry, potatoes."

He could bear it no longer, he arose  
then and dressed.

And from his cellar taking the best,  
A bag of his best potatoes.

Again he went to the widow's lone hut,  
Her sleepless eyes she had not yet shut,  
But there she sat in her old arm chair  
The same wan features, the same sad  
air.

And entering in he poured on the floor  
A bushel or more of his goodly store.

"Now," said the deacon, "Shall we  
pray?"

"Yes," said the widow, "Now we may."  
And such a prayer the deacon prayed  
As never before had his lips essayed;  
And the widow shouted aloud, "Amen,"  
But said no more of potatoes.

Now all you who hear this simple tale,  
Pray for the poor, and praying, prevail  
Pray for patience, and guidance, and  
spiritual food

For prudence and wisdom, for all  
these are good,  
But don't forget the potatoes.

It is true that many people are like  
this widow, destitute of daily food.  
But I think this could be applied to  
spiritual life also, for many people  
are destitute of spiritual food.

There are many people who never  
read the Bible, but they are watching  
the life of we Christians. I wonder  
if we are failing to give a lift that  
they can see God in us. Even though  
we are not all ministers, we still have  
a part in God's work. When we tell  
the wonderful story of Jesus, we can  
never tell how much help it might  
be to lost souls. Just as the deacon  
was blessed from giving potatoes to  
the widow, we also receive a wonder-  
ful blessing if we help some one to  
find the Lord.

Pray for me that I will live so close  
to God that my worldly friends can  
see the joy I have of serving Jesus  
and they will have a desire for  
salvation.

## Arkansas State Association Convenes Soon

The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist will hold its forty second annual session with the Free Will Baptist Church at Newhope, Pike County, Arkansas, beginning Wednesday evening September 27, 1939. Those interested in the Young People's Program, make arrangements to be there Wednesday evening. The association proper will not meet until Thursday evening. The Newhope church, assisted by the Little Missouri River Association, is making arrangements to serve the noon and evening meals on the ground.

Elder W. A. Hearron of Newhope is moderator and S. L. Woodard of Warren is clerk of the state meeting. We insist that the clerk of each subordinate association in the state notify the clery of the Little Missouri River Association not later than September 1, about how many to expect in their party, so that we can make the necessary arrangements for their convenience during their stay with us.

R. D. Smith Clerk, Little Missouri River Association, Newhope, Ark.

## Missouri Sunday School Progress

Dear Gem Readers and S. S. Workers:

I will write a few lines about our Sunday School Program. We are glad for the interest shown by the reports already received.

July 1st was the close of the church year, being the time for our reports to be filled out.

You know our association and state meeting will be on hand before we

hardly realize it, so lets get our reports in as early as possible and make this years report 100 per cent complete.

We would like to be able to make a complete report to the September issue of the Gem, as that will be the last paper before our state association.

Thanking everyone of you for your co-operation and help.

— Wm. Reeves



**LIGHT***Mrs. Opal Frazier, Mt. Vernon, Mo.*

A fragrant, fresh and lovely rose  
Grew very near the door;  
I somehow did not see it there —  
We had so many more.

On every side were rolling hills,  
I could have viewed each day;  
But I was lost in endless tasks,  
And never glanced that way.

Somewhere some happy voices trilled,  
Somewhere was laughter too;  
But fancied hardships shadowed all,  
With whisperings sad and blue.

A tiny hand sought mine to clasp  
That needed mine to lead;  
So full were mine of cumbrous loads  
In vain I let it plead.

I could have drawn upon the Lord,  
Found rest and courage, food,  
By trusting Him who calmed the sea  
And fed the multitude.

One day a lingering illness fell  
That robbed me of my power;  
Like Saul of old, I could not see,  
It was my darkest hour.

I think that He who saves the world  
Knew that I needs must fast;  
For in a lonely wilderness  
Those forty days He passed.

I think He knew that in despair,  
A soul in darkness bound,  
Will seek the light and learn to know  
That grace and love abound.

For out of darkness came the Light —  
He caused the blind to see;  
I now beheld the lovely rose —  
My soul was glad and free.

I saw the hills on every side  
While forced to keep my chair;  
They told me of the Savior's power  
And of His love and care.

An inner urge to seek the charm  
Of nature's healing grace;  
Revealed that God is everywhere,  
If we but seek His face.

I lean on Him, there's harmony,  
And He who sought my hand  
Now leads with able joyous step  
Into the Promised Land.  
(State Sanatorium, Mt. Vernon, Mo.)

**TULSA CHURCH REPORT**

*Rev. Melvin Bingham, Pastor*  
*Mrs. Marvin P. Dalton, Reporter*

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

As the apostle Paul wrote these words to Timothy we in turn quote them to our beloved members who are at present far away from their home church.

The following members have recently been elected to church offices:  
Mission President ..... Sister Gibson  
Mission Vice-President .. Sister Miller  
Mission Secretary .... Sister Renegar  
Church Reporter ..... Sister Dalton  
Choir Director ..... Brother Parker  
Pianist ..... Sister Alveta Bingham  
Janitor ..... Brother Brown  
Flower Committee .... Sister Miller

**Program Committee**

Sister Gihbart, Bro. Cliff Williamson, and Sister Young.

Since this is the closing of the fiscal year of our church we would like to say that Bro. Melvin Bingham has conducted sixteen funerals, preached ninety sermons, baptized twenty persons and has performed thirteen marriages. We have also had twenty-nine additions to the church.

Our church has given several grocery showers and the Mission has assisted with clothing and other necessities to needy families.

Our state evangelist, Bro. Carter, came to us for a revival meeting. Bro. Carter is a deep preacher and really built us up spiritually each night.

We were privileged to have Bro. John Sylvia of Missouri, preach for us two nights during this month. One precious soul surrendered his life to God the first night Bro. Sylvia preached. Bro. Sylvia held a wonderful revival in the Tulsa church some ten years ago, and God wonderfully blessed, I am told.

Bro. Melvin has just returned from the National Association held at Bryan, Texas, and reports a glorious meeting was enjoyed by all.

During the absence of our pastor, on Sunday morning and Sunday night, Bro. Aery, one of the young preachers of our church preached for us. Bro. Aery is a good preacher and we love to hear him preach.

Bro. Melvin Bingham teaches the young people's league class, and has recently changed the meeting time from Sunday evening to Friday evening in order to have more time. This class memorizes verses, and each week topics are given for reports. Bro. Melvin is doing his best to teach the young people of our church more about God and the Bible.

We welcome visitors to any and all of our church services.

**BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA**

Dear Editor of the Gem:

Our church has just closed one of the most spiritual revivals ever held here, conducted by Bro. W. H. Carter, State Evangelist, and our own pastor Rev. J. H. West.

God has graciously worked through the christians and eleven persons were saved and reclaimed. Six were baptized Sunday afternoon.

Our church is the most outstanding activity in our community. Our young people are very loyal in their league work and in anything else they are called upon to do.

We are expecting great things to take place in our church from now on as we continue to build and grow in Gods work. We are truly growing and expanding and the Spirit of God is moving actively in the hearts of his people.

We would not forget to say that our pastor is one of the most spiritual and God called men on the field and we want to encourage him in every way possible.

Everyone is feeling high now and we are continuing our prayers that our church will always be a spiritual church whose foundation is Christ.

Yours in Christ,

— Mrs. W. E. Deavoer

**LEAGUE REPORT**  
**Blue Eye, Missouri**

We are still continuing our League work here at Blue Eye. We have had some new members to join our League which we are thankful for.

I think the League work is very inspirational and helpful; especially for young christians, and good for the older and more experienced ones as well.

Our League officers are as follows:  
President ..... Alva Tharp  
Vice President ..... Tommie Tibbits  
Secretary ..... Josephine Garrett  
Quiz Leader ..... Lois Martin  
Group Captains: Gertie Butler, Vada Mills, Matoaxca Adams, and Veta Garrett.

Pray for our League that we will do more for the work of the Lord in the future than ever before.

— Vedble Martin, Reporter

Beloved, are you in business for yourself or for God and perishing souls?



## MULBERRY, ARKANSAS Bethlehem Church Report

Dear Editors and Gem Readers:

Our revival has come to a close. We have been made to rejoice over new born souls in the Kingdom of God. Four souls found Jesus precious to their hearts. At the opening of our revival on Saturday night, July first, we had our communion and feet washing service. I am sure all received a blessing who took part in it.

At the close of our meeting on Monday, July 10th, five were baptized and seven united with the church.

Brother Tommy Robison of Charleston, Ark. did the preaching and was assisted by our pastor, Brother Charlie Graham of Rudy, Ark. Brother Joe Floy had charge of the song service. We certainly had a wonderful meeting.

Our hearts are made sad in that we are giving up our pastor who has been so faithful to us during the past two years, but he feels that he has been called into the revival work for our Lord and Master, so he wants to be loose in order to be free to go when and wherever he is called. As we have said before, he is truly a man of God and a real spiritual man. May our loss be God's gain in the winning of souls for God's kingdom. May God's blessings ever rest upon him is our prayer.

Perhaps in our next report, we will be able to tell you who our new pastor will be for the coming year.

Our little Free Will Baptist church is growing spiritually and also in numbers. We are looking forward to the time when Bro. Don Bias of Fort Smith can be with us again, although he is in a revival meeting now at Redland, Oklahoma.

We need the prayers of all God's people everywhere, for as we said in our last report, we have many adversaries here but we are determined by the grace of God to march on and not turn back. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,

— Mrs. H. G. Harris.

## TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Gem Readers:

We hear much said about the sad and sorrowful moments of our lives. Many of us spend much time thinking and talking about our sicknesses, deaths, heartaches, and disappointments—but do we stop and meditate upon the sweetest moments, hours or days of our lives? When I look at my children, all nearly grown, I love to

think of the days of their babyhood, the smiles of joy on their faces for some kindness on our part, when we thanked them for being obedient, the gratitude we saw brought us joy.

Then I love to think about when we please God our Father, how we beam under His smile of approval; but when we displease Him, how quickly we feel that we have brought grief to His dear heart.

These lines, *Sweetest Moments*, came to me by the inspiration of the Spirit while I meditated and communed with God in prayer, psalms, and spiritual songs, making melody in my heart for His many blessings. I'm passing them on, hoping some one will receive a blessing from them.

## SWEETEST MOMENTS

The sweetest moments of my life are these;

When I can steal away, and there upon my knees,

I bring all my burdens to God who alone

Can understand all my heartaches and can atone,

For all my short comings and mistakes I make,

Because I trust alone in Him, and all for Him forsake,

How sweet to exchange a heart full of grief and pain,

For Joy and peace and faith to start again,

Another day anew, to read and sing and pray,

And sow some seeds of kindness on the way

Of some discouraged soul, who but for these

Might he overcome by sin, and fail to find the peace

That comes when we are willing to make a full exchange,

A heart full of grief and pain, for joy, peace and faith to start again;

And so I thank thee, Lord, for my sweetest moments, these,

The blessings I receive while praying on my knees.

— Mrs. Melvin Bingham.

833 N. Utica St., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

## BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

Dear Gem Family:

On request, the good Editor sent me a sample copy of the Gem, and I notice that no one from Florida writes to the Gem, but I have found it is due to the fact that no one here takes the Gem. I am going to try to put a Gem in every home here. We have been having good meetings. I received a letter from my good friend in West Virginia and he asked me to write. I had the pleasure of visiting our Free Will Baptist churches in Kanawah County, West Virginia, and held services in a few of them.

I will be glad to report our activities and progress to the Gem Family. I cannot take the Gem due to the fact that I travel most all of my time, but I am going to do my best to put a Gem in every home in Florida, and I beg all who read this to pray for me.

In closing, let me say I heard from Bro. Gregory of Greentop, Mo. and Bro. Bias of Fort Smith, Ark, and I am planning to come that way in August.

— Evangelist, W. L. Truett.

## NIANGUA, MISSOURI Amity Church Report

Dear Gem Readers:

Two months has passed since my last report from Amity church.

Brother John Swaffar of Purdy, Mo. was re-elected pastor for the coming year. Bro. Swaffar has been coming and delivering very inspiring messages.

We recently held our Communion service, but there was a smaller attendance than usual.

The Niangua Quarterly Meeting will be held with Amity church, July 26-28.

Pray for us that our church might grow stronger and do more for the Lord.

— Mrs. Harley Chandler.

## MARIANNA, FLORIDA

Dear Editor:

Please find 50c for which enroll my name for a year's subscription to your paper.

Bro. W. L. Truett has visited our church and was with us in our revival meeting at Old Damascus Church, and he had one of your papers with him and I like it fine. I like to write to the papers and boost the old Free Will Baptist, for I think them to be one of the greatest churches there is existing. It is poor, but Christ was poor; He had no where to lay His head. Just so it is the old Church He founded on the Rock, it suits me. I found Bro. Truett to be a 100% Free Will Baptist. He is like myself, he doesn't believe in side tracking from any of Christ's teachings and His humble mode of worship. Brothers, it takes that to be Christ-like and to walk as He did. O people, let's follow Christ, not man!

Brother, if other things will answer for feet washing, why was it that Paul forced the poor old widow woman to wash feet in order to be supported by the people of God? Let's not side track, but walk as He walked for we do not want our candle stick removed (Rev. 2:4).



We had a pretty good revival, considering the people being fairly worn out from a ten days' singing school which had just closed. We had four additions to the church. We have singing and prayer meeting at our church twice a week, also a good Sunday school, and about as good a pastor as the world affords, Bro. Joe Eldridge, who has been working for the Cause of Christ and fighting Satan for about 45 years. Bro. Truett said we were fortunate to have him, and we feel the same way: All churches need just such men. I thought he was a wonderful preacher when I heard him 41 years ago, but while he is getting old now, yet he enjoys talking for the Lord.

With best wishes to all the Baptist readers I will quit by saying don't think He is prolonging his coming or wax cold but fight the good fight and hold out faithful to the end is my advice to all.

—B. E. Coxwell, R1. B175a

### GREENTOP, MISSOURI

I am eight years old. I took the Lord for my Saviour when I was six and one half years old in Bro. Winford Davis' and Bro. Noel Turner's meeting at Sublette, Mo. I say my prayer every night and testify for my Saviour every opportunity.

I led one little soul to the Lord and my brother. I read my Bible. John 5th chapter 28th-29th verses, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

We should be ready to meet the Judgment Day.

—Miss Mary Kathryn Schutes

### CUSHING, OKLAHOMA

In answer to a request from Happy Hill church in Missouri and also my niece, I am happy to be able to send a message and testify for my Lord and Master. In the closing words of Matthew, our Lord says, "All power is given into me in heaven and in earth. We see Him, however, as One having great power and great authority. He had power on earth to forgive sins. He had power to heal, multiply bread and fish, to raise the dead, to perform many miracles indicating His dominion over nature. We read concerning His return that it shall be in power and great glory. The Almighty and the

ancient of Days of whom we read in the Old Testament is none other than Christ, our blessed Savior.

Nothing exists but what will not yield under the application of His power. It may be stubborn wills, habits of life, Satan-bound communities irresponsible churches, or indifferent church-goers, but if the Saints of God apply His power through prayer there will be evidenced more accomplishment than even dynamite might do. How is it then that most folks have more respect and faith in actual dynamite than in the power of God? And now to realize that all of this power of God, that which moves mountains, forms seas, builds empires, reduces nations are manifested in Christ by His miracles of healing, raising the dead, etc., and is all concentrated in the Gospel which is the power to make a sinner into a saint: power to make a Saul of Tarsus into a Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ; power to make the fishers of Galilee into fishers of the souls of men — how can anyone then say that Calvary was not the most important event in the history of humanity?

One of the greatest tragedies of our day is the lack of reverence and respect for holy things, and the ignorance on the part of most people of what real worship involves. God is holy, and cannot in any way tolerate sin. We are living in a day when sin is being minimized, and God's holiness is being largely forgotten. We must look at Calvary where God permitted His only begotten Son to be forsaken and to suffer the agonies of hell for our redemption. As we think of the glorious things that are to happen when we see Him, our souls are filled with holy joy, but there is another side that is sometimes forgotten. Shall we have regrets as we see His dear face? Shall our cheeks blush because of shame? Shall our heads droop for lack of confidence? Yes, there is a great possibility that such will be the case with many. As we get that first look into our Saviour's face, we may regret that we have done so little for Him who did so much for us on dark Calvary. We may regret that we won so few precious souls for Him. If we appear before Him empty handed, shame will cover our faces. We may be ashamed before Him that we spent so little time in His presence. As we feast upon the richness of His smile, we shall, no doubt, feel misgivings creep into our souls; all because we did not seek His face more often by prayer and supplication.

We may be saddened by the memory

of our neglecting to read His precious Word as we stand gazing upon its Author. May God grant that His Church, as She now stands on the very threshold of her Lord's return, may look beyond her night of earthly care and sorrow to that bright morning of her glory when the shadows shall flee away and in a moment we shall be face to face with our blessed Lord.

May we, like the great soul winners of the past, look forward to that glorious day when every soul we have won for Christ will become our crown of rejoicing. In the psalms we see David alone with God. Some of the churches today have lost the art of prayer. When the early church prayed, the church prospered. He looked beyond the dark portals of the tomb in which he would sleep for ages to a time when Christ would plant the kiss of resurrection on his smouldering dust and gently awaken his sleeping form from the slumber of centuries. That watchless face that David loved would at last bend over his "narrow bed" and awaken him to meet the gaze of his Lord.

Every man and woman holds the lever in their own hands which controls their eternal destiny. Our blessed savior, standing above doomed Jerusalem, voiced again his amazement at the folly of those who should have hearkened to His invitation, "How often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

I must close I could write through all eternity the things that are in my heart and never get through blessing His holy name. Pray for me and my family that we will always be faithful to our Savior and Lord.

—Mrs. W. D. Riggs.

### REVIVAL AT BUFFALO

I wish to report our revival meeting at Buffalo, Missouri. Brother F. E. Crain and his daughter, Sister Elda Crain of Miami, Oklahoma came to our church at Buffalo on Monday night, June 19th. The Lord blessed in a great way from the very beginning. Bro. Crain preached some wonderful sermons on church doctrine and church order. Sister Crain brought some very good, soul stirring evangelistic sermons.

The meeting continued for three and one half weeks. There were sixteen (16) professions and 10 additions to the church.



On July 2, we met at the waters edge and baptized 5 and there are several others that expect to be baptized and come into the church in the near future.

The church was greatly revived and blessed. We can say Brother and Sister Crain are a real blessing to any church. Sister Elda labored in our meeting under great difficulty as she was in poor health. May God bless you, Sister Crain, and give you a speedy recovery is our prayer.

— Eld. Frank Linton, Pastor

## HOW LITTLE WE DO FOR EACH OTHER

By Gwyneth Talley, Aurora, Mo.

How little we do for each other,  
As we pass thru the journey of life;  
Around us are many in trouble  
In this world full of sorrow and strife.

How little we do for each other,  
The people of fashion oft sneers  
At a child whose clothing is ragged;  
At the judgement they'll meet them in tears.

How little we do for each other,  
The poor girl with sad lonely face  
Is left from the company ashamed  
To the dark shades of shame and disgrace.

How little we do for each other,  
As the world each day passes by,  
A man with pride of possession  
And holding his proud head so high.

He may carry a dark secret within him  
Which makes his life here a gloom,  
And ere the sun rises tomorrow,  
May be called to meet his sad doom.

How little we do for each other,  
For our selves how little we do;  
Then let us be just and be faithful  
Kind hearted loving and true.

Help the Master who knows all about  
us  
Guide others to the mansions above,  
Live for Him each day and each hour,  
Telling them of His great love.

OAKLAND MO. July 10, 1939

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report from our church at Happy Hill. July 1st was our church election day. We re-elected our pastor, Elder Roy Jones, for the coming year. This will be his third year. I really believe the church was just as anxious to re-elect him for the third year as they were the first time. I think that speaks wonderfully for a pastor. He really delivers some wonder-

ful sermons and is loved by all that know him.

I really feel in my heart that our church is on gaining ground for our Lord and savior. I want all you Gem readers to pray for our church and that we all may pray more for each other and our pastor in the coming year than we did the past year. We as Christian people realize that prayer unlocks the door of heaven. Our lives would be most miserable without prayer.

I am so glad that I know Jesus and I love him best of all. He suffered and died on the cruel cross that we might have everlasting life. I would feel so ashamed for anyone to know that I didn't love and obey my Savior.

I must tell you all about what a wonderful prayer meeting we have at our church at Happy Hill. Not only our church but neighboring churches are helping and we really do appreciate their good help. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self." I believe that a good prayer meeting is the life of a church. It is really meat and drink to our souls. "Jesus paid the price for me, paid it for eternity. This shall be my song through the ages be, Jesus paid it all for me."

— Mrs. C. A. Dicerson.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Found in Charleston, South Carolina, during the Civil War).

Contributed by Betty Odneal, Trece Ks.

Thou to thy mercy seat our souls  
doth gather,  
To our duty unto thee, OUR FATHER,  
To whom all praise, all honor should  
be given,  
For thou art the great God WHO ART  
IN HEAVEN,  
Thou by thy wisdom rulest the world's  
whole frame  
Forever, therefore, HALLOWED BE  
THY NAME,  
Let never more delay divide us from  
Thy glorious grace, but let THY KING-  
DOM COME,  
Let thy commands opposed be by none,  
But thy good pleasure and THY WILL  
BE DONE,  
And let our promptness to obey, be even  
The very same IN EARTH AS 'TIS  
IN HEAVEN.  
Then for our souls, O Lord, we also  
pray  
Thou wouldst be pleased to GIVE  
US THIS DAY  
The food of life wherewith our souls  
are fed,  
Sufficient raiment and OUR DAILY  
BREAD.  
With every needful thing do thou re-  
lieve us,

And of thy mercy, pitty AND FOR-  
GIVE US

All our misdeeds for Him whom thou  
didst please

To make an offering for OUR TRES-  
PASSES,

And forasmuch, O Lord, as we believe  
That thou wilt pardon us AS WE  
FORGIVE

Let that love teach wherewith thou  
dost acquaint us,

To pardon all THOSE WHO TRES-  
PASS AGAINST US,

And though sometimes thou findst we  
have forgot

This love for thee, yet help, AND  
LEAD US NOT

Through soul or body's want to  
destruction

Nor let earth's gain drive us INTO  
TEMPTATION,

Let not the soul of any true believer  
Fall in time of trial, BUT DELIVER  
Yea, save them from the malice of  
the devil,

And both in life and death keep US  
FROM EVIL

Thus pray we Lord for that of thee,  
from whom

This may be had, FOR THINE IS  
THE KINGDOM

This world is of thy work its won-  
drous story,

To thee belongs THE POWER AND  
THE GLORY

And all thy wondrous works have  
ended never,

But will remain FOREVER

And thus would say eternally AMEN.

HENDERSON, TEXAS, July 22

Dear Co-Workers:

The National Association has come, but we hope not "gone." That is an expression that we often hear, but in this case, we pray that the great body that promises so much to our beloved denomination has not "gone," only to spread and grow in lives, homes, churches, quarterly meetings, Sunday schools, leagues, missionary organization and every auxiliary of the church. When this is true, we can say God is in our midst. We feel that the coming together in Bryau was a great event in the history of the Free Will Baptist Church. We women are in better shape for our work than we have ever been. We feel that we understand each other better and the interest is growing in every way. When we see states coming into our national body from every part of the U. S. A., it surely makes us feel good and we take courage.

We came back to our fellowship Free Will Baptist church and took up the revival again. Nine have been converted since we came back. Preparations are being made to begin a new church building. The building committee is at work and in a few.



days, the building will start up so pray much for us that God will use us in a way that the work will go over in a wonderful way, and a great revival will spread over this country for miles around.

To our mission workers: Our chicken money is still coming in. I have received \$2.00 since the National Association. You will have to watch the papers and watch for the treasurer's report to see how we are coming out. God bless all who have given and will give for this great cause.

Our address for the next few weeks will be Henderson, Texas.

Yours for Jesus,

— H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

### "When We Get Prohibition"

*Contributed by Charity Heacock*

(Tune: When We All Get To Heaven)

Some day we'll win prohibition  
And our country shall be free,  
All the brewers and distillers  
Then the truth will have to see.

#### Chorus

When we get prohibition,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
Won't it just be grand, when  
We sing and shout the victory!

Now we walk a dismal pathway  
'Mid saloons in wicked night,  
But when temperance hosts shall conquer,  
There will not be one in sight.

Then the mothers and the children  
Will enjoy a sober town!  
Oh! what pleasure on the highway  
With no drinking drivers 'round!

Onward, then, to prohibition,  
Let us labor as we pray,  
Soon we'll see the heaven-sent blessing,  
And it will be here to stay.

### REPORT OF SAM H. MARCUM Missouri State Evangelist

Wortham, Mo.  
July 22, 1939

Dear Gem Family:

Another month has rolled around, after closing the meeting at Verdella. We went home to see about a public address system. A good Methodist man wrote us he would help us buy a speaker. So on finding one at Montgomery Ward, St. Joseph, Mo., the man mentioned above gave us \$25.00 to make the down payment. He said we could depend on him for \$25.00 more.

And previous to this he had already given us \$5.00 on a speaker. We do thank God for this gift, and also for the giver. We feel the loud speaker will be of much value to us in reaching lost souls. We are sure this is in answer to prayer. And we believe God will supply the necessary means to finish paying for our speaker, also our trailer house.

We sorely do thank the Neola Mission Circle for the \$5.00 they sent us on our trailer house. We are sure God blesses and helps those who work and give to His cause, for in service we receive blessings.

We are now at Wortham, Mo. We came here July 12. We have met many friends from Desloge, Flat River and Leadington, also here at Wortham since we came back to the lead belt. These people have been a great help to us. We have had one profession. The attendance is good.

We were here last year in July and August, and we had what we thought to be a good meeting, but on coming this time I am sorry to say we find some that fail to take a stand for the Master. Jesus said He would be ashamed of us if we are ashamed to confess Him. Eld. Alvin Halbrook is the good pastor here.

From here we go to Independence church in Cedar County, where Eld. John Swaffer is pastor. We will probably stop over near Lebanon, Mo. for a few days service.

We will say in closing may God bless our retiring editor and wife, Bro. and Sister Brown, and also the best of luck to our new editor and wife, Bro. and Sister Rollins. Praying God's blessings upon all the dear people we have labored with, and all of God's people everywhere. Pray for us.

— Sam H. Marcum & Wife  
Home Address, Cameron, Mo. R7.

### THAYER, MO. July 19, 1939

Dear Gem Family:

This is my first attempt to write, so this may be thrown into the waste paper basket. I sure enjoy the good letters and sermons that are in the Gem.

As I look around and see so much wickedness and people going to and fro, and not giving God one thought. I think of Mark 8:36-37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

We Christians have our dark days, but if we only trust in God, He will brighten the way.

There is some one watching the life of each Christian. It is the every day life that the sinners are watching. So may we be careful and let our light shine as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may do what God wants me to do.

May God bless the Gem family.

— Mrs. Jesse Rolan.

### Pleasant Hill Mission Report

We, the Pleasant Hill Mission near Thayer, Missouri, met July 18th at the home of Sister Meinders, with five members present.

Since our last report, we have furnished flowers for one funeral, and we pay the pastor of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church \$1.00 each month. We have decided for each member to give the price of one chicken to our mission, and we also elected delegates to the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

We sincerely desire the prayers of all Christian people that we may do as God wants us to do.

— Mission Reporter

### Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting

The Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting in West Virginia met with the Pine Grove church, June 30 to July 2, 1939.

Eld. Arthur Collins of Milton, West Virginia preached the introductory sermon.

The stand was filled Friday night by Eld. John M. Henson and Eld. Andrew Workman. The service was enjoyed by all present, and a real Christian spirit prevailed with much shouting and praising God.

At 11:00 a. m. Saturday, Eld. Jeff Thomas and Eld. Harper brought the message on "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Everyone feasted on the blessings of the Lord during the entire service.

On Saturday night, Eld. N. C. Cremeans and A. C. Berry brought a wonderful message, and at the close of the service two came to the altar and prayed through to victory, for which we thank God.

Eld. A. A. Collins and T. S. Young had charge of the services Saturday night following the preaching services. The Lord's Supper and the ordinance of Feet Washing were observed. Much shouting and rejoicing took place during this service.



The stand was filled Sunday morning by Eld Jay Duvall. Everyone seemed to enjoy this service and the Lord seemed to smile His approval upon us during the entire conference.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Kelley's Creek church, beginning on Friday before first Sunday in October, 1939.

Eld. O. T. Ellis, Moderator  
Mary Henson, Con. Reporter

## FREDRICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a line or so to let you know where we are and what we are doing. After our return from Bryan, Texas, we came to Fredricktown, Mo., where we have the tabernacle that belongs to the preachers of the Indian Creek Association, and we have it erected and are having service in it.

We had somewhere around 300 present at service last night. We had one doctor, Mr. Barron, and a County Clerk, Mr. Woods, in the Service last night. The other churches are co-operating with us nicely. We have a space reserved for the colored folks.

We are asking the prayers of our people everywhere, that this will be the greatest revival Fredricktown has ever had.

Yours in Christ,

— F. C. Zinn

## Report of Monett Gospel Team

The Gospel Team is composed of enthusiastic workers for the Lord who go out in the Gospel work in a group, doing team work for Christ. We have a Gospel Team in our church at Monett, and we would like to report some of our activities as we have a desire to help somebody today.

On Thursday, April 27, the Monett Gospel Team elected officers:

Captain ..... George La Shum  
Ass't Capt. .... Claude Timmons  
Sec-Treas. .... Imogene Gates  
Pianist ..... Oneida Williams  
Song Leader ..... Eddie Jones  
Program Chairman .. Mrs. Will Gates

Wednesday, May 3, the Team went to the Peavler home, near Pierce City, for prayer meeting. Mrs. West led the service.

Wednesday, May 17, we went to a revival meeting in Carterville, Mo. which was being conducted by Bro. Weston and Bro. Campbell. The devotional services were led by Bro. La Shum. Bro. Weston preached the sermon. There were four conversions.

Sunday, May 21, was the regular district meeting at Granby, Mo. There were several specials rendered following the play, "The Challenge of the Cross." The Team was to meet at Granby again for the next meeting.

Friday, June 2, 1939, we went to

the T. B. Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, Mo. The song service was led by Winford Davis and the Scripture lesson read by Bro. La Shum. We were visiting and worshipping with Mrs. Opal Frazier.

Thursday, June 8, 1939, the regular business meeting was held at the home church. It was decided to adopt a theme song and "Help Somebody Today" was chosen. There was a collection given which was 81 cents.

June 18, we went to the regular district meeting at Granby. There were several specials and a short message was delivered by Bro. John Rollins. Bro. La Shum was appointed to get someone to bring a message at each meeting. The meeting place for the next district meeting was Indian Creek Baptist near Stella, Mo.

June 23, the Gospel Team went to a revival at the Methodist Church in Purdy. We gave some specials and Bro. Burgess brought the message.

June 25, we went to Oak Grove near Stella where Winford Davis and Kenneth Turner were in a revival. We gave some specials and Bro. Davis brought the message. One person came to the altar, but was not satisfied.

July 7, we went to Black Fox to a revival conducted by Bro. B. Frederick. Five came to the altar but no one was converted.

— Miss Imogene Gates.

## National Christian Educational Report

Rev. J. R. Davidson, Chairman National Board of Education, Bryan Tex.

My financial report at this time will be by states, however I shall make an itemized report of all cash to be taken in the near future. I shall, in this report, give the names of those who pledged at the National Association, so that any error in my records may be corrected.

### Received from Alabama

Cash ..... \$18.25  
Pledges, to be paid by Jan. 1, 1940, by R. B. Crawford ..... 10.00

### Received from Florida

Cash ..... 15.00  
Pledges, Rev. C. J. Pitts, Jacksonville: Five dollars per month, for one year ..... 60.00  
George W. Cloud, Jacksonville: One dollar, per month, until total pledge paid ..... 36.00  
Total pledges from Florida .... \$96.00

### Received from Georgia

Cash ..... \$75.00

### Received from North Carolina

Cash ..... \$212.79  
Pledges, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Newbern, — To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 ..... 25.00  
Miss Alma Broughton, Middlesex, — To be paid in 8 months .. 40.00



Rev. W. L. Hart, Snow Hill, To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 ..... 100.00  
Rev. R. H. Jackson, Clinton, To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 ..... 10.00  
Rev. C. B. Thompson, Goldboro, \$2.00, per month, until paid .... 24.00  
Rev. Clarence Bowen, Durham, To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 ..... 25.00  
Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, \$5.00 per month until paid .... 60.00  
Rev. L. H. Wetherington, New Bern, — \$5.00, per month, .... 60.00  
Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, — To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 ..... 25.00  
Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes, Lucama, — Tenth of income for twelve months.

Total pledges from N. C. .... \$369.00

### Received from Oklahoma

Cash ..... 130.00  
Pledges, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, — \$1.00 per month until the mortgage on property to be purchased is paid off.



<i>Received from South Carolina</i>	
Cash .....	\$25.00
<i>Received from Tennessee</i>	
Cash .....	\$156.02
Pledges, Rev. Paul Wolsey, Greenville, — To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 .....	25.00
Mrs. Paul Wolsey, Greenville, To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 .....	10.00
H. L. Stanley, Greenville, — To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 .....	25.00
Rev. Linton Johnson, Ashland City, — To be paid by Jan. 1 ....	15.00
Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Nashville, \$5.00 per month until paid ....	45.00
Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nashville, To be paid by Jan. 1, 1940 .....	25.00
Miss Mary Patton, Ashland City, — To be paid by Jan. 1 ....	25.00
Total pledges for Tennessee ..	\$170.00
<i>Received from Texas</i>	
Cash .....	\$428.21
Pledges, J. L. Edge, Bryan, \$100.00 per year until paid ....	1000.00
P. K. Trant, Bryan, — \$10.00 per month until paid .....	40.00
Icey Goen, Bryan, — 1.00 per month until paid .....	12.00
Mary Beth Cloud, Bryan, — \$1. per month until paid .....	12.00
Rev. R. C. Wiggs, North Zulch \$2.00 per month until paid .....	24.00
Total pledges for Texas ....	\$1,088.00
<i>Received from Missouri</i>	
Cash .....	\$105.00
<i>Received from Kentucky</i>	
Pledge: F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, to be paid by Jan. 1940 ..	\$50.00
<i>Received from Mississippi</i>	
Cash, By Rev. M. L. Hollis ..	\$1.00
<i>Received from Virginia</i>	
Pledges: Rev. J. W. Addington, Clinchco, to be paid by Jan. 1940	\$24.00
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Jan 1940	\$50.00
Total pledges for Virginia ....	\$74.00
<i>Pledges, Addresses Unknown</i>	
George La Shum, \$5.00 a month for one year .....	\$60.00
C. F. French: amount also unknown	
Cash received in offering at the National Association .....	\$198.35
Cash sent in by ministers ....	\$28.00
<i>Received from New Mexico</i>	
Cash .....	\$1.00
Total cash receipts up to July 27, 1939 .....	\$1264.22
Total pledges received up to July 27, 1939 .....	\$1867.00
Grand Total, all sources ..	\$3131.22

The above figures may look small to the world, but they look good to me, for they tell me that we can accomplish that for which our hearts are longing. Should there be an error discovered by anyone, I would highly appreciate your writing in to offer the needed correction.

Enthusiasm is increasing greatly for the past few weeks in our educational program, for which we wish to praise the Lord. Quite a number pledged at the National Association who were unable to say how much; among this number is Dr. Leonard Earl Harris of Chicago. He has pledged substantial support during the next twelve months, as did many others, so we are looking to hear from all of these, with many of their friends who will naturally be added to the list of donors.

Doubtless, there were several who pledged definite amounts at the National Association, whose names were not taken; and if you are in this group, will you please forward your name and address to me? I would like to get you on my record.

In addition to the above report of definite things which were done to assure us that our people want a National Institution of learning; delegates from several of the states called

meetings and set goals for their states to reach in this field of endeavor. I am not sure of any of the plans save for the state of Texas. Our folk agreed to try to raise 25 cents per capita during the next twelve months. Half of this to be raised by January 1st, 1940, and the other half by the sitting of the next National Association in July, 1940.

I feel sure that any state is able to raise as much per capita as Texas is. Our people, for the most part, are laboring people, with limited means but we are challenging the states where our people are wealthier than we. "We are laborers together with God." "Together we stand, divided we fall." Let's stand together, and labor together.

We wish to assure all concerned that we will not relinquish our efforts for Home and Foreign Missions, Superannuation and Orphanage work, but we will do as we have heretofore: give to all of these.

The National Board of Education will be in session together the week following the first Sunday in August. We shall strive to open school work at the earliest possible moment, and if any of you have any suggestions to offer, we are open to receive and consider them. Write to me and be perfectly free to express yourself.

## Free Will Baptists as the Statistician Sees Them

By Clarence Bowen, National Statistician 2513 Club Blvd., Durham, N. C.

Greetings, Free Will Baptists:

The recent annual session of the National Association was in our opinion one among the greatest if not indeed superior to all previous sessions. More than a dozen states represented with a grand delegation of approximately 300. To say that at least forty ministers were present would not be too liberal, we had rather put the number at fifty and be safe.

Nothing would afford us more pleasure at this time than to write a detailed article of the many wonderful things done at the association, but since others will no doubt do that, and since I am to give statistics, I will forego that pleasure. We trust the following figures will inspire and thoroughly encourage you as you see in "black and white" just how we as a denomination really stand. One thing must be remembered, however, as you read this table: this is not

altogether accurate. Many associations failed to respond to this office's request for statistics, but a great improvement is seen over last year's report.

The Free Will Baptist denomination claims 1,250 churches. (You will remember, now, that this is as the statistician received it; there are more to be sure.) Enrolled on the ledgers of these churches are 101,500 members. A total of 2,500 new members were received during the past year by baptism, letter, restoration, etc. 832 were lost during the year by death, dismission, etc. We can see here that we have an increase of 1,668. That's not at all bad, is it? Who says that preaching the true gospel as true Free Will Baptists do does not bring results?

Personally, it is a pleasure for me to report that we have on roll 1,154 ordained ministers. In the hands of



these anointed ones lie, in an extremely large measure, the future successes or failures of the various projects of our church. Right? Also inscribed on our ledgers are 50 licensed ministers who some day will also fill in an official way the pulpits of our churches.

Perhaps a word of the financial status of our church will be appreciated. Our total church property is valued at \$1,234,700.00. We have denominational property valued at \$161,835.00. This includes the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., \$81,500; the Orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, \$39,335; The Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, \$30,000; Dothan School property, Dothan, Ala., \$5,500; Zion Bible School, Blakely, Ga., \$1,000; and the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Mo., \$4,500. This brings the grand total of all property

to \$1,471,535.00.

For building and repairs \$20,473.02 was spent during the past year. (We're moving somewhere.) The past year was in many respects a banner one, relatively to the various contributions made for Christian Education, Missions, Orphanage, etc. The total raised and paid by our people, including pastor's salaries and evangelists expenses, was \$151,928.42. If it were possible to report all that was given during the year, we are sure the figure would exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

There is much more we could say, but perhaps these dry figures do not thrill you as they do me; yet, all true Free Will Baptists should welcome any intimation of advance or progress, and we are sure that you appreciate these numbers despite their inaccuracy. Thank you.

## TREECE, KANSAS

Dear Bro. and Sister Rollins:

We, as usual, enjoyed our Gem very much. We pray Gods blessings on you and Sister Doris as our new editor and assistant. I am so sorry Bro. and Sister Brown resigned, but I know we couldn't have chosen one who will devote their time and interest more spiritually than our new editor.

To all Gem Readers whom I know: Since I saw you last August, I have had a long and serious illness. For eight months I have been unable to feed myself. I was in a hospital ten weeks. My companion spent all but one night there helping care for me. He and I were the only ones that knew Jesus was with us both and went with me down to the depths of the valley and led me back to go as I once did. I feel that sweet spirit always. I hope to be able to tell all of you more if it's God's will that we may go to our association in August.

I have been unable to attend our church services and hear the good messages our pastor always brings at Carterville. Bro. Campbell has been our pastor for eight years, and we have a F. W. B. church and attendance we are proud of.

To all the children of God: Remember us in prayer. We live in Treece so we are quite a distance from our church.

Your Sister in Jesus Name,

— Opha Odneal

## FRIENDS

*Contributed by Mrs. Ina Bicknel,*

'Twould never do for God to live  
across the street  
Or in the house next door, where we  
should daily meet;  
So, in His wisdom and His love,  
He sometimes sends  
His angles kind, to walk with us,—we  
call them friends.

Just friends—one word, but letters  
can express  
A wealth of sympathy and pure un-  
selfishness.  
One syllable,—a single breath can  
form it, friends.  
Yet, O! How much our happiness on  
them depends.

When trouble comes, or loss, when  
grief is ours to bear,  
They come, our friends, with words  
of cheer, our lead to share.  
How could we face defeat without a  
friend's caress.  
Had we no friends to praise, how  
bare would be success?

'Tis not God's plan that we shall see  
Him face to face.  
Yet, He would hedge us in His abound-  
ing grace,  
And so, His messengers of love to  
earth He sends,  
They're angles, but we know it not,  
and call them "Friends."

Arthur Unknown

## Big Johnson County Q. M.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I will try to give a report of our Big Johnson County Quarterly Meeting, which met with the Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, six miles north of Paintsville, Kentucky.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, F. S. Van Hoose. Rev. H. B. Conley was elected moderator, and he called Millard Van Hoose for his assistant. The usual committees were appointed then we adjourned for preaching by Bro. Glen Wells. We had a wonderful meeting.

At 2:00 p. m., the Ministers' Conference was called into order. There were some very fine talks given by Elders Scott Daniels, Scott Castle, Adron Davis, Millard Van Hoose and others.

The Pulpit Committee appointed Bro. Blankenship and Bro. Fred Rolling to preach on Saturday night, and we had a very good meeting.

Back in session on Saturday morning, the moderator gave a few remarks then we adjourned for preaching by Bro. Strating and Bro. Collier from Ashland Ky. We listened to some real preaching.

Back in business session at 2:00 p.m. After devotional in regular form, the church letters were called for, and 27 were handed in, read, and their delegates seated. \$84.32 accompanied the letters, and an offering of \$12.32 was given at that time. All other business was taken care of in a business-like way. The letters showed an increase in membership.

We have a few that seem to want to pull back instead of pushing forward. We would like to see more church houses, and if we can get the co-operation of our brethren, we can have more churches.

By a vote of the body, the next Quarterly Meeting is to be held with the Seco Church, Seco, Ky., on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in Oct.

Preaching for the night service was by Bro. Adron Davis and Millard Van Hoose. We had a real Holy Ghost meeting and one of the largest congregations we have ever had. Bro. Ben Conley and his choir from Paintsville did some real singing.

On Sunday morning, Eld. B. H. Conley, the moderator, did the preaching, also his brother, John E. Conley. We had a real old time meeting with many praises to God.

— F. S. Van Hoose, Clerk.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

## MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Missouri State Association will be held with Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Mo., beginning on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in September, 1939.

Mission Sermon Monday night —

League Sermon on Tuesday at 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Tommie Franklin of Desloge, Mo.

The Introductory Sermon for the Association to be preached on Tuesday night by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Mo., Eld. John B. Rollins, alt.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Indian Creek Association will be held with the Pleasant Grove church west of Anderson, Mo., beginning on Monday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. John B. Rollins to preach the Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night, Eld. B. F. Henderson, alternate.

Monday night and Tuesday will be given to Ministers' Conference.

## CENTRAL W. MO. & S. E. KANS.

The Thirty-First Annual Session of the Central Western Mo. and South-eastern Kansas Association will be held with the Hannon Church, at Hannon, Mo., beginning on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. F. C. Zinn to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Arthur Kicenski alternate.

## DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Dibble Association will convene with the Bryant Church, beginning of Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. L. E. Ward of Blanchard, Okla. to preach the Introductory Sermon.

## OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

The Ninety-Eighth Annual Session of the Old Mt. Zion Association will be held with Clifty church, Clifty, Ark., beginning at 10:00 a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. W. Allred alternate.

## ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Arkansas Association will convene with Mt. Pisgah church, in Scott County, Arkansas, on highway 71, beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by the pastor of the church, followed by the Moderator.

## SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The sixty-fifth session of the Social Band Association will be held with Alice Brook's Church, Sharum, Ark., beginning on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. W. C. Forsyth to preach the Introductory sermon.

## LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Laclede County Association will be held with New Hope Church, in Laclede County, beginning at 3:00 p. m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld. C. E. Butts, Eld. Curtis Wilson as alternate.

## ROBERT MCGEE ASSOCIATION

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Robert McGee Association will be held with Pocalontas Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. J. C. Neuby to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. W. M. Easton, Alternate.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

The Second Annual Session of the Liberty Association will be held with Liberty Church, near Phillipsburg, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. C. E. Mann to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. E. E. Vestal as his alternate.

## FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Twelfth Annual Session of the First Mission Association will be held at Camp Ground, on Dramright-Sapulpa Road, beginning Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. H. E. Staires to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. D. Williams, alternate.

## HOPEWELL ASSOCIATION

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Hopewell Association will be held with the Hopewell Church, beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Earl Umsted to preach the Introductory sermon.

## SALINE ASSOCIATION

The Saline Association will be held with Harmony Church, Rye, Ark., beginning Friday, 9:00 a. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

Rev. J. C. Mooring to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. J. M. Crouch, alternate.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOC'N.

The Northeast Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist will meet with the Shibley's Point Church, Stahl, Missouri; beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939.

Elder C. M. Dauber to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Noel Turner, alternate.

## CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

The Cave Spring Association meets with Bethany Church, north of Myrtle, Mo., on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld. J. R. W. Harbison and Eld. H. C. Crase.

## SALEM ASSOCIATION

The Salem Association of Free Will Baptist will convene with Traveler's Rest Church, 13 miles west of Blountstown, Florida, on the 28-29 of September, 1939.

## LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOC'N.

The Little Missouri River Association of Free Will Baptist will meet in its Sixtieth Annual Session with the Newhope Church, Newhope, Pike Co., Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening, August 31, 1939, and shall continue over Sunday.

R. D. Smith, Clerk, Newhope, Ark.

## S. E. MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting will be held with the Aulsbury Chapel, beginning on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in September, C. B. Dees to preach the Introductory sermon, Tommie Franklin, alternate.

## ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist convenes with Kinner Chapel, three miles northwest of Rudy, Arkansas, Thursday night, August 3, 1939.

## NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOC'N.

The Northwest Missouri Association will convene with the Philadelphia church near Santa Rosa, Mo. on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. Melba White, alternate.

## HOPEWELL NO. 1 ASSOCIATION

The Hopewell No. 1 Association will convene with the Hopewell Church, about seven miles northwest of Kene-fick, Okla., on Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1939.

## NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

The Niangua Association will be held at Cedar Ridge Church, beginning on Thursday evening before the second Sunday in August, 1939.